

# The Odyssey

## Study Questions 1



Content Questions: Homers World and "The Epic" (pp. 887-892)

1. What are the two theories of literary criticism described on p. 887?
2. What event led to the Trojan War?
3. Who is Penélopê?
4. Who is Telémakhos?
5. What are the typical characteristics of an epic hero?
6. Read the epic simile on the top of page 891. What action of Odysseus is being described? What effect does the comparison have on the reader?
7. What is an epithet?
8. Find an epithet in the passage on the bottom of page 891.

Content Questions: *The Oddyssey* Book 1 and and Book 9a (pp. 895-898)

1. According to lines 11-16, why were Odysseus and his men being punished?
2. What type of conflict does Odysseus describe in the beginning of Book 9?
3. Why does Odysseus say they sacked the city of the Kikones?
4. What effect does the lotus have on anyone who tastes it?

